

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

November 4, 2025

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the boardroom at 120 North Center Street, on November 4, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Kurt D. Ferstl
Michelle Genereux
Charles Gregory*
Anthony Ruiz*
Frank Sanders
Andrew Schreiner
Susan Stephensen

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

J. Steven Beck (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Jaye O'Donnell
Amanda Elliott
Maribeth Smith
Rob Stirling

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor
Scott Butler, City Manager
Richard Bake*
Sonny Cave
Mark Drayna
Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Sally Harrison (excused)

GUESTS

Andrew Cheney
Michelle Gulick

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment)

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Michelle Genereux called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Chair Genereux excused Board member Susan Stephensen from the beginning of the meeting. She arrived at 7:32 a.m.

2. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Board member Frank Sanders, seconded by Vice Chair Kurt Ferstl, that the October 7, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Ferstl-Genereux-Gregory-Ruiz-Sanders-Schreiner

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Beck-Stephensen

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear an office market update presentation, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear a presentation from First Things First on business community engagement to support early learning and childcare in Arizona, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Economic Development Director's current events summary including conferences attended.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Introduction of new business to be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Schedule of meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2025.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.